

WTWG Minutes for March 22, 2005, Tuesday 1:30PM

Rick Dieker	Larry Martin
Dave Brown	Ken Hasbrouck
David Murillo	Joe Mentor
Bob Barwin	Perry Harvester
Jim Milton	Stan Isley
Ron Van Gundy	Tom Monroe
Tom Cowan	Kate Puckett
Jim Davis	Kale Gullett
Stuart Crane	Jeff Slothower
Ben George	Lisa Pelly
Dan Haller	Olin Nichols
Quentin Kreuter	Bill Pope
Stephen K. Fanciullo	Richard Evans
Tom Ring	Jim Trull
Carron Helberg	Rick Valicoff
Adam Gravley (by phone)	Harry Seely (by phone)

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by David Murillo. DM and Bob Barwin jointly outlined the agenda. DM informed the group he would be in and out with other pressing issues.

Bob Barwin started off with a detailed methodology review with Dan Haller taking the floor to explain the use of the Washington Irrigation Guide (WIG). Dan discussed the extra water used in a dry year versus a wet year, the amount of water (3-4") a crop would use if available to conclude a formula of $WIG + 2\frac{3}{4}$ to 3 without conveyance considerations. Then Dan explained a loss of minimum of 5% for conveyance up to as much as 15%. Several questions were asked including: frost water in the calculation; suggested type by type instead of case by case; or by location; and limited by the actual water right. The City of Roslyn application was used as a good example for the methodology review. After a long discussion the group concluded $WIG + 4$ ($WIG + 5$ in Ellensburg area), in order to process the applications more quickly, and with any proposal could include additional information so it could be considered on a case by case basis.

Bob Barwin started with the first transfer, 2005-01, Washington Water Trust for Craig George. Lisa Pelly explained the transfer, with the group asking if it was permanent. Lisa said it was and Bob explaining it is actually a long term transfer (25-30 years) rather than permanent. Jeff Slothower explained how the water will be used. Stan Isley did not see a downside, with transfers 2005-01, -02, and -03 being discussed together. The group was concerned that after the 25-30 years when the transfer ends, it would turn into a consumptive use (CU). Reclamation had no concerns about this happening. The group recommended all three Taneum water transfers for approval.

The group looked at the next transfers 2005-4 through 2005-7. The group commented that there is no CU reduction, only conveyance reduction. This water has historically been return water and part of TWSA. Other comments included minor reductions in CU

and limited to the primary reach. The group recommended all four water transfers for approval.

Water transfer 2005-08 for Washington Water Trust was discussed next. Lisa explained it was a 5-year lease which started in 2003, with a full lease in '03 and '04, and a portion in '05 for the entire season. The group noticed, when compared to City of Roslyn transfer, a big difference in the calculation. The group also noticed a discrepancy in the stated acres that were fallow. Lisa informed the group she would revise it and sent it back to the group with more accurate information. It will be on the next agenda. The water transfers 2005-09, -10, -11 were determined to also need more information and will be discussed on the next agenda.

The next transfer 2005-12, Jim Trull discussed the parts of the transfer, with amounts above the yellow line as the pump backs (based on what he can recover) and the other transfers below the line. This is the same calculation as was used in 2001, fallow land. Jim believed he would be done by the end of April instead of June in 2001. The group recommended for approval to go to court.

The final transfer for this meeting was 2005-13 for the City of Roslyn. Adam Gravley and Harry Seely explained, by telephone, the shift in season and how they calculated CU. Joe Mentor, Tom Ring and Tom Cowan asked questions and commented on the CU calculation. JM felt it needs clarification. Bob Barwin was on the fence. The recommendation was WIG + 2.5 + EA for the temporary transfer, but for long term the CU would need tweaking. It was suggested for JM to share his Pendente Lite to Adam Gravley. Tom commented that as long as it is not part of TWSA and that it is not trust water at Parker and above. The 72 acres is fallow ground. The group recommended a need for more scientific information for the long term transfer and WIG + 4.0 for this drought year transfer, with Joe sharing the language from his Pendente Lite.

Quentin Kreuter reported no numbers yet on the forecast. Keechelus is behind 21,000 ac/ft and Cle Elum is ahead 42,000 ac/ft. Similar to 2001 drought, with the 5 to 3 reservoirs ok, but the 3 to 2 not so good. We could go on storage control near April 1. Tom Ring commented that we move the water around to keep crops alive. Steve Fanciullo stressed we get these transfers in early and get a handle on this.

The group discussed earlier that a March 28th meeting might be possible, but now decided to schedule it and cancel if it was not necessary. Also, to have the transfers in to Carron Helberg by COB Thursday, March 24th, so we can review them in time. Bob Barwin said he would not be at the March 28th meeting, but that Phil Crane would be here.

Carron Helberg would send out the proposals to the group and have the spreadsheet by the next meeting.

Bob Barwin reminded the group of the website and the application form. Other issues included domestic wells and emergency options with no impact on the river.

The group adjourned at 3:55 PM